



# Alexander Mackenzie High School

## School Council

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Monday, January 20, 2020

8:30 – 9:00 pm in Room 122

### MINUTES

#### Attendees

**Present:** Loren Thorburn, Xun Wang, Karl Brumund, Kelly Levson, Christine LaForge, David Mountain, Ruby Thind, Teresa Ho, Angela Flesariu, Lin Zhu, Otilia Olteanu, George Ellinas, Yula Nouragas, Cathy Clarke

**Regrets:** Sabira Pradhan, Sarit Abramovich, Will Husnut

**Absent:** Ion Gosman

#### Student Report - *Will Husnut*

- no student report this month due to exams

#### 2019/2020 School Council

##### 1. January parent workshop

- Lana Fisher of AMHS Guidance presented on course selection
  - [Preparing for Course Selection - Parents' Presentation](#)
- ASYR (Addiction Services York Region) presented on student mental health, addiction and resources available to students and parents
  - <https://www.asyr.ca>

##### 2. Treasurer Report - *Xun Wang*

- full report attached at the end
- \$99 for surveymonkey
- School Council general account: \$2,112.97 as of January 9, 2020

##### 3. An hour of code - *Lin Zhu*

- event was on December 12

- approximately 60 students attended
- thanks to George Ellinas
- very good responses
- will look to continuing this next year

#### 4. Chair's report

- Otilia moving to a new position with YRDSB
  - Krista Pummell is starting as principal at the beginning of 2nd term
  - Ms. Pummell joins us from Bill Hogarth SS and Unionville HS
- School Council thanked Otilia for her leadership and support of AMHS

#### 5. PRO Grant - Karl Brumund

- in December, YRDSB announced PRO Grant funding, up to a maximum of \$500 per school
- AMHS school council submitted a proposal to show Screenagers and Screenagers: Next Chapter
  - Screenagers probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games and academics. The film offers solutions on how we can help our kids navigate the digital world.
  - Screenagers: Next Chapter covers High Stress, Anxiety and Depression as experienced by millions of young people. It follows physician and filmmaker, Delaney Ruston, as she discovers solutions for improved adolescent well-being in the digital age.
  - <https://www.screenagersmovie.com>
  - AMHS submitted a joint proposal with Pleasantville Public School
  - funding approval will be sent from YRDSB to principal; no news yet
- date(s) of showings to be determined
- subcommittee of Loren, Karl, Christine, Kelly

#### 6. David Mountain - David Mountain

- David is leaving AMHS School Council as his child is transferring to another school
- School Council thanked David for his contributions over the years

#### Teacher's Report - Cathy Clarke

- full report attached at the end
- AMHS PodCast booth setup in foyer
  - school is excited for this new initiative, a first in YRDSB
- Feb 12 welcome evening for specialized programs (Arts & IB)
  - AMHS School Council will be there to meet new parents
    - Loren, Karl, Christine, Ruby, Teresa
- much more information in the attached report

## Admin Report - Otilia Olteanu

- staff and students getting ready for exams
  - exams scheduled by period, with period 1 starting Thursday, January 22
  - no OSSTF job action during exam period
- EQAO postponed to June
- multiple lunches next year
  - see November minutes for more information on this

## Student activity fee

- supports activities that build and strengthen the sense of community in our schools
- subsidizes school spirit events, team transportation, dances and guest speakers
- benefits the student community as all funds support student activities

***In order to conserve paper, hard copies of the minutes and agenda will not be provided at the meeting.***

### 2019-2020 Council Members

Chair: Loren Thorburn

Secretary: Karl Brumund

Treasurer: Xun Wang

Parent Reps: Angela Flesariu, Christine LaForge,  
David Mountain, Ion Gosman, Kelly Levson, Lin  
Zha, Ruby Thind, Sabira Pradhan, Teresa Ho

### 2019-2020 Meeting Dates

Meetings in Room 122 of AMHS

Monday, September 16, 2019 @  
7:00pm

~~Monday, October 7, 2019 @ 7:00pm~~

Monday November 18, 2019 @ 7:30pm

Monday January 20, 2020 @ 7:30pm

Monday, April 21, 2020 @ 7:30pm

Tuesday May 19, 2020 @ 7:00pm



Alexandar MacKenzie High School  
 School Council Treasurer's Report  
 May 1, 2019 to January 09, 2020

<b>School Council General Account</b>
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<b>Beginning Balance as of October 31, 2019</b>		<b>\$ 3,011.97</b>
<b>Add Source of Income:</b>		
Income	<u>\$ -</u>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Less Expenditures:</b>		
Graduation gifts in June 2019 (4x\$200)	\$ 800.00	
Other Expenditures (Survey Monkey)	<u>\$ 99.00</u>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<u><b>899.00</b></u>
<b>Current School Council Account balance as of January 9, 2020</b>		<u><u><b>\$ 2,112.97</b></u></u>

<b>PRO Grant Account</b>
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<b>Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2019</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Add Source of Income:</b>		
School Council to apply for PRO Grant	<u>\$ -</u>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Less Expenditures:</b>		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<u><b>-</b></u>
<b>Current PRO Grant Account balance as of January 9, 2020</b>		<u><u><b>\$ -</b></u></u>

## **Arts Mackenzie**

Arts Mackenzie is excited to host auditions from January 24th to January 28th. Students will be auditioning in all four disciplines: dance, music (instrumental, strings, vocal), theatre and visual arts.

The Arts Mackenzie faculty would like to thank our Arts Mackenzie community for an outstanding semester. We look forward to more studio activities and sharing our learning through the medium of arts education.

Follow Arts Mackenzie on Instagram @artsmackenzie

## **Dance/Drama/Theatre**

Congratulations to the students in Dance, Drama and Theatre for three outstanding performances to finish up our semester, including: Junior Choreographer Showcase, Future Is Now/Graduate Showcase, and Play On!

Next semester, students will look forward to working with a variety of guest artists, participating in the National Theatre Festival, Dance Expressions, One Act Play Festivals, and field trips to learn from Toronto's top professional artists.

## **Music**

### **Concerts and Performances**

Showcase 2019, our fall concert, was a huge success with over 500 tickets sold. All music groups performed extremely well.

Members of the string orchestra played at the Quest Conference in November

### **Annual Mackenzie Music Musical**

*The Wizard of Oz* was a resounding success in December at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. All four shows were virtually sold out and the audiences loved it.

## **Music Council**

Music Council held their Holiday Party in December and all of the students had a great time singing Karaoke, making gingerbread houses, having dinner, and dancing.

## **English as a Second Language:**

We will be welcoming 17 new International Students to AMHS in semester 2. They are coming from China, Ecuador, Iran, and Vietnam. We will be hosting an orientation for the students tomorrow, Jan 21.

## **Guidance:**

**New International Student Orientation** – January 21  
**New International Student Registration** - January 30

## **Course Selection:**

Course selection for the next academic year is quickly approaching. Our course calendar can be accessed by visiting AMHS website,

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/alexandermackenzie.hs/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>

Guidance department will be facilitating working sessions with classes in the library during the two week period, February 10-24. Students will be able to begin locking their courses on February 12 and all course selections must be completed by Monday, February 24, 2020.

## **Timetable Changes:**

Guidance continues to see students for Semester 2 Timetable changes. If your child requires a timetable change, they need to connect with guidance as soon as possible.

## **International Baccalaureate:**

- Course selection is taking place in February. Grade 9s have 2 electives
- Grade 10s have 1 elective or 2 if they take civics/careers over the summer
- Grades 11 and 12 in the DP IB Diploma; no electives.
  - IB exams take place in May
  - Our first cohort is graduating this year (17 students) and we are very excited.
  - Our grade 8 intake is done, we are still on rolling offers to ensure our 116 spots are filled.

## **SHSM:**

1. Student Council is organizing an interactive Soap Making Experience connected with creativity an entrepreneurship with our Grade 11 SHSM students;

2. Feb 25th 905 Raptors Career Symposium and Basketball Game at Paramount Fine Foods Arena.
3. SHSM Student Team and Faculty is planning a possible Campus Tour at McMaster, Trent U, or Guelph;
4. CPR & First Aid Training Feb. 20 and 21 for SHSM students in Arts & Culture and Health/Wellness;
5. Many other workshop in Transportation, Business, Arts & Culture and Health are being planned at the moment.

**Special Education:**

Note that students with IEPs who require exam accommodations must speak to their classroom teachers and their SERTs in order to facilitate smooth access to applicable assessment accommodations during Exam Week.

IPRCs and Special Education Placements: 1) Our 2020 IPRC process is underway. Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTs) are communicating with parents / guardians regarding September 2020 Special Education Placements. Please feel free to communicate with your child's SERT and discuss any concerns or questions.

2) Please ensure you sign the IPRC paperwork that will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks, and return it to your child's SERT as soon as possible. Please email [sarit.abramovich@yrdsb.ca](mailto:sarit.abramovich@yrdsb.ca) if you have any questions.